

APPENDIX E

MANUAL OF ARMS—SPECIALITY WEAPONS

This appendix contains procedures for executing the manual of arms with the M249 squad automatic weapon (Figure E-1), M203 grenade launcher, shotgun, and pistol.

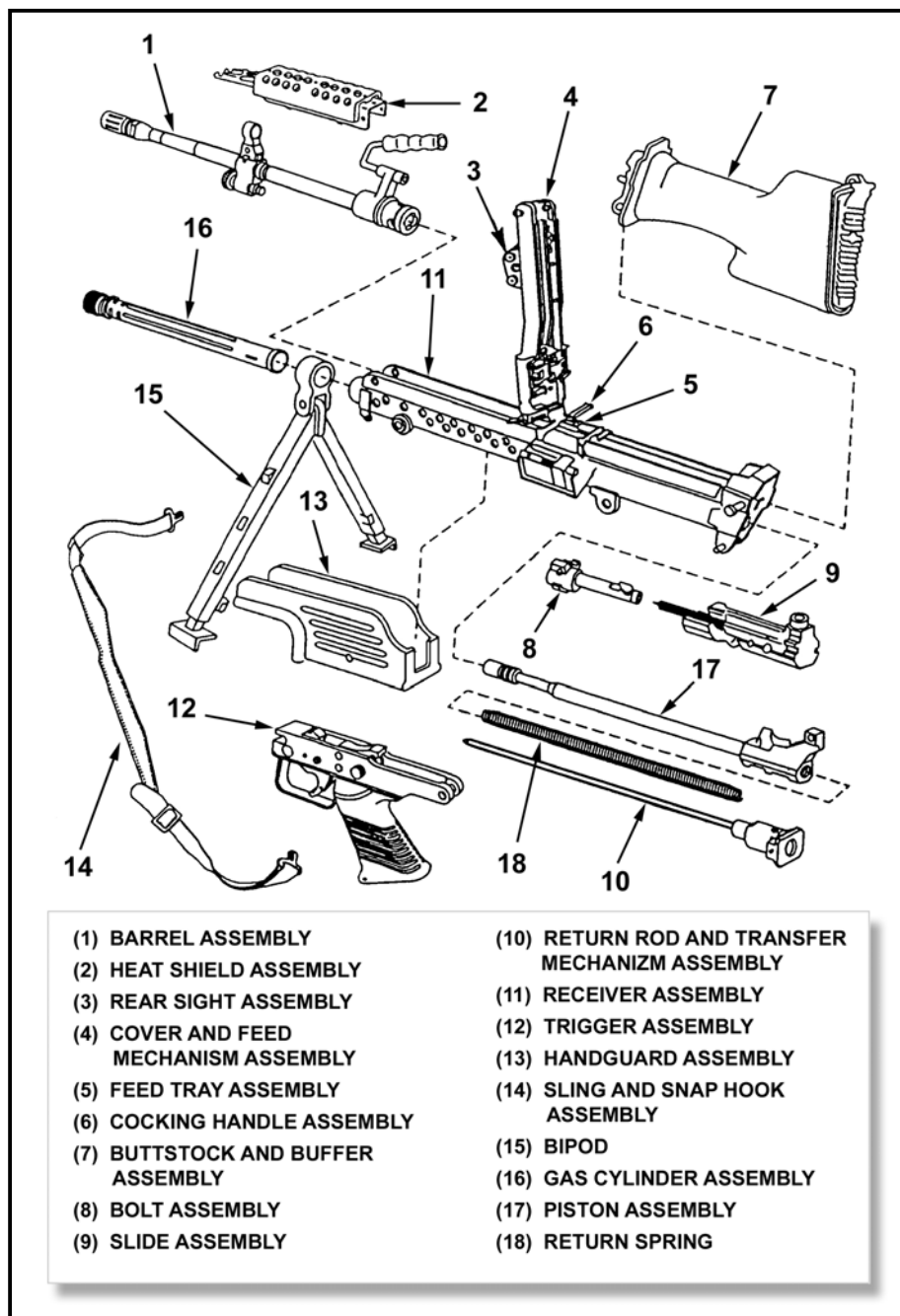


Figure E-1. Nomenclature, M249.

E-1. M249 SQUAD AUTOMATIC WEAPON

The M249 is carried at *Sling Arms* in the same manner as the M16. **All** individual drill movements (as applicable) are executed while at *Sling Arms*. When *At Ease* or *Rest* is commanded (from *Parade Rest*), the soldier unslings the weapon and places the butt of the weapon on the marching surface beside his right foot. The only manual of arms movements that may be executed are *Present Arms* (*Present Arms* at *Sling Arms*), *Unslung Arms*, *Inspection Arms*, and *Ready Port Arms*. (*Inspection Arms* and *Ready Port Arms* may only be executed from the *Order Arms* position.) During all other manual of arms movements, the soldier remains at *Sling Arms*.

a. **Inspection Arms with the M249.** The command for this movement is ***Inspection, ARMS***.

(1) On the command of execution **ARMS**, execute *Port Arms* from *Order Arms* in two counts. On count three, grasp the pistol grip with the right hand and reach under the weapon with the left hand and grasp the cocking handle (the back of the hand faces toward the muzzle). On count four, sharply push the cocking handle rearward so that the bolt is locked to the rear. On count five, sharply return the cocking handle to its original position. On count six, bring the left hand between the body and weapon, unlock the feed tray cover (with the thumb and forefinger), and raise the feed tray cover. On count seven, grasp the feed tray with the left hand, open the feed tray and feed tray cover as far as possible, and observe the chamber. On count eight, regrasp the handguard with the left hand and the comb of the stock with the right hand, and come to *Inspection Arms* (Figure E-2).

(2) ***Ready, Port ARMS*** is the only command that is given from *Inspection Arms*. On the command ***Ready***, grasp the pistol grip with the right hand and the feed tray cover with the left hand and close the feed tray cover. On the command ***Port***, grasp the cocking handle with the left hand and sharply push the cocking handle to its most rearward position. On the command **ARMS**, pull the trigger with the right forefinger and ride the bolt forward with the left hand, then return to the *Port Arms* position (Figure E-2).

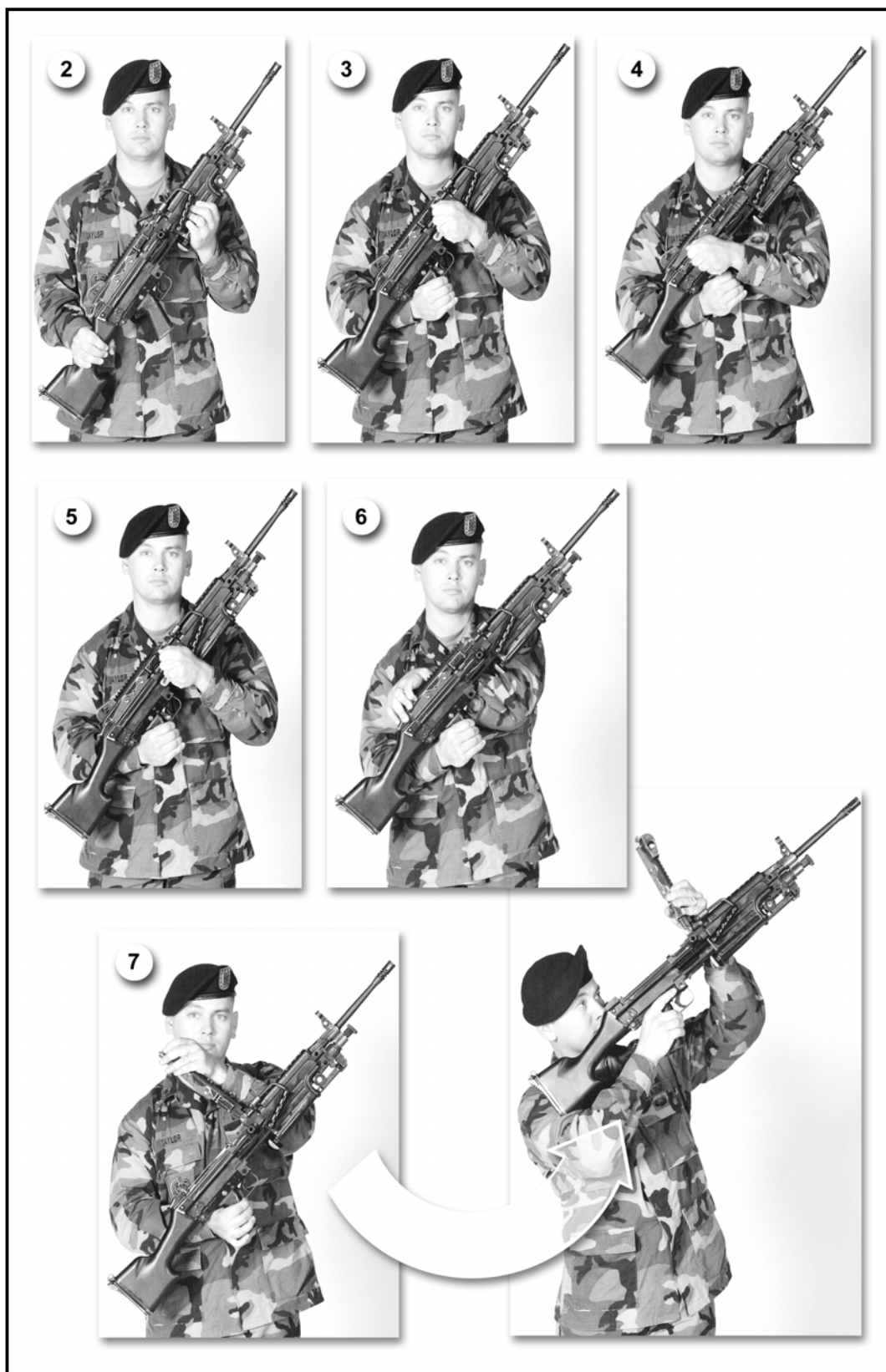


Figure E-2. Inspection Arms with the M249.

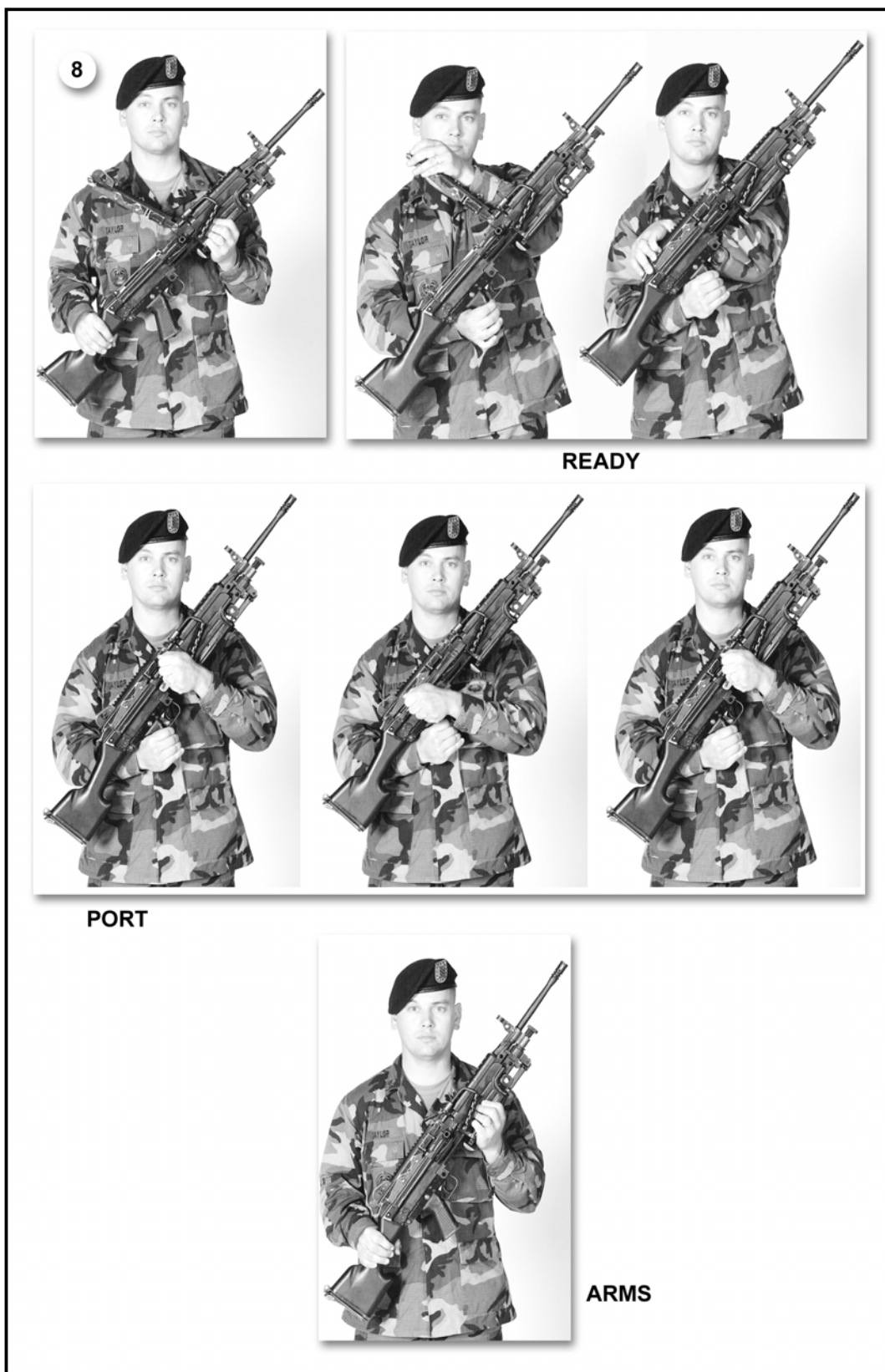


Figure E-2. Inspection Arms with the M249 (continued).

E-2. M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER

This paragraph contains the procedures for executing the manual of arms movements with the M203 weapon.

a. **Basic Procedures.** The following basic procedures apply to the M203 weapon.

(1) The M203 weapon is carried at *Sling Arms*. All individual drill movements are executed as prescribed while remaining at *Sling Arms*.

(2) The only manual of arms movements that may be executed are *Present Arms* (*Hand Salute*), *Port Arms*, and *Inspection Arms*. Individuals armed with the M203 weapon remain at *Sling Arms* during other manual of arms movements; or, they return to *Sling Arms* from *Port Arms* when other members with M16-series rifles are commanded to other positions.

b. **Manual Movements with the M203.** To execute manual movements with the M203 (Figure E-3), use the following procedures:

(1) ***Present Arms.*** The *Hand Salute* with the M203 is executed in the same manner as prescribed for the M16-series rifle (while at *Sling Arms*).

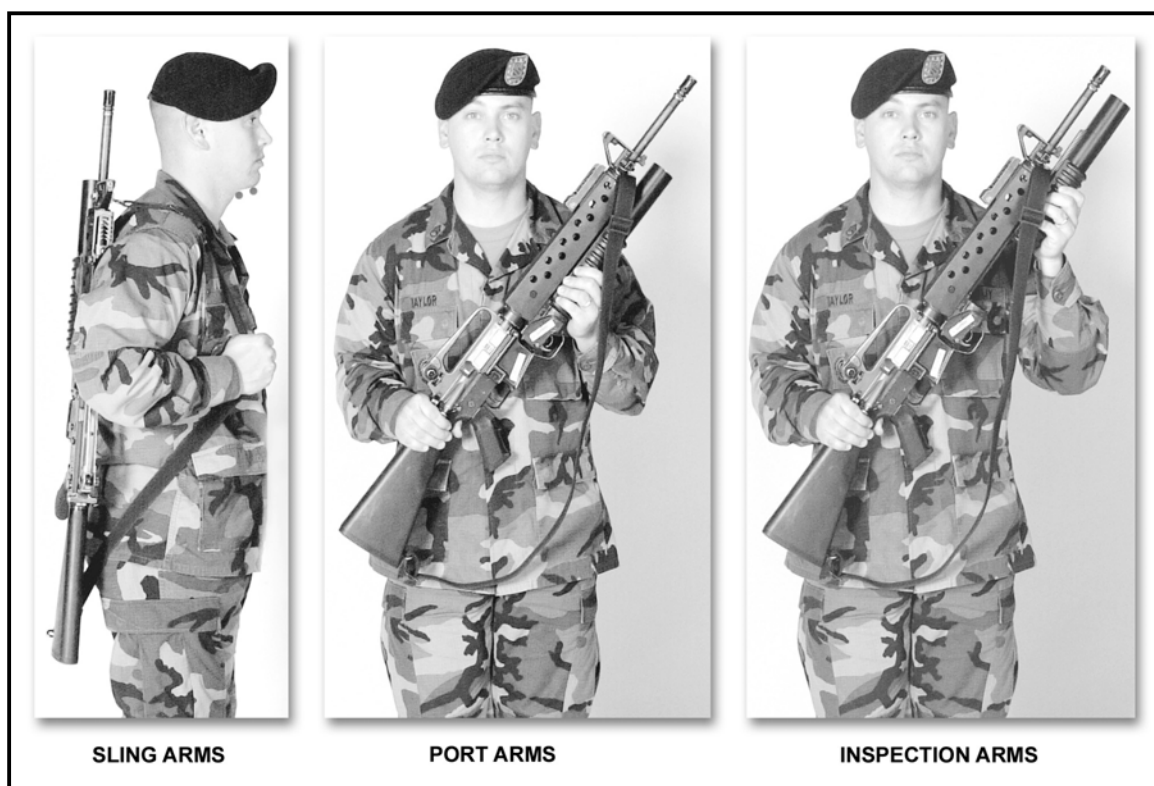


Figure E-3. Manual movements with the M203.

(2) ***Port Arms.*** Execute *Port Arms* (Figure E-3) in the same manner as with the M16-series rifle from *Sling Arms* except grasp the weapon at the bottom of the hand guard on the barrel of the M203.

(3) ***Inspection Arms.*** Execute *Inspection Arms* (Figure E-3) with the M203 weapon the same as *Inspection Arms* (while at *Sling Arms*) with the M16-series rifle. After

completing the movements for *Inspection Arms*, press the barrel release latch with the left thumb, slide the barrel to the left, and visually inspect the chamber.

(4) **Ready Port Arms.** Execute *Ready Port Arms* the same as *Ready Port Arms* with the M16-series rifle with one exception: on the command **Ready**, the first action is to close the barrel and pull the trigger of the grenade launcher.

E-3. SHOTGUN (RIOT)

Except for *Inspection Arms*, execute the manual of arms with the shotgun in the same manner as prescribed for the M16-series rifle. Carry the weapon at the *Ready Position* when physically guarding prisoners (Figure E-4). The courtesy (*Salute*) is not rendered to individuals while performing as a prisoner guard; however, during the playing of the National Anthem, “To the Color,” “Ruffles and Flourishes,” “Reveille,” or “Taps,” command the prisoners to *Attention*, remain facing them, and execute *Present Arms* from the *Ready Position*.



Figure E-4. Ready Position.

a. **Ready Position.** Assume the *Ready Position* in the most convenient manner. Place the butt of the weapon on the right hip and grasp the weapon with the right hand forward of the trigger guard. Bend the right arm comfortably, and keep the gun barrel at an angle from the body and the muzzle skyward. To ease fatigue, carry the weapon in the same manner on the left hip.

b. **Inspection Arms With the Shotgun.** *Inspection Arms* from *Order Arms* is a three-count movement. Execute *Inspection Arms* as follows:

(1) The command is **Inspection, ARMS**. On the command of execution **ARMS**, execute *Port Arms* (M16-series) in two counts. On count three, push the slide to the right with the left hand (over the sling). Twist the weapon to visually inspect the receiver through the ejection port and then come to *Inspection Arms*.

(2) **Ready, Port, ARMS** is the only command that may be given from *Inspection Arms*. On the command **Ready**, take no action. On the command **Port**, move the slide to the left (close the bolt) and place the right forefinger on the trigger. On the command **ARMS**, pull the trigger and come to *Port Arms*.

E-4. AUTOMATIC PISTOLS

This paragraph contains the procedures for executing the manual of arms with automatic pistols (FM 23-35). All individual drill movements are executed as prescribed with the weapon secure in the holster. The only manual of arms movements that may be executed are *Present Arms (Hand Salute)* and *Inspection Arms*. During other manual of arms movements, remain at attention. The position of *Raised Pistol* represents the position of *Port Arms* when challenging as a sentinel on guard duty.

a. **Present Arms.** The *Hand Salute* is executed in the same manner as prescribed in individual drill for the M16-series rifle.

b. **Raised Pistol.** For instructional purposes, the command **Raised, PISTOL** is used to teach individuals the procedures for challenging.

(1) On the command of execution **PISTOL**, unbutton the flap of the holster with the right hand and grasp the pistol grip. Withdraw the pistol from the holster, raising the right forearm to the front until the hand is about 6 inches in front of the right shoulder, and the right elbow is against the right side. Hold the pistol grip in a “U” formed by the thumb and last three fingers. Extend the forefinger outside and alongside the trigger guard. Point the muzzle outward and up at about a 30-degree angle (Figure E-5, page E-8).

(2) On the command **Return, PISTOL**, return the weapon in the most convenient manner to the holster, fasten the flap, and come to attention.

c. **Inspection Arms.** The command for this movement is **Inspection, ARMS**.

(1) On the command of execution **ARMS**, execute raised pistol and then, without lowering the right hand, reach across the body and grasp the slide with the left thumb and the first two fingers so that the thumb is on the left side of the slide. Shift the grip of the right hand so that the right thumb engages the slide stop. Push the slide fully to the rear and engage the stop in its notch with the right thumb. Return the left hand to the left side and remain at raised pistol.

(2) **Ready, Port, ARMS** is the only command that may be given from inspection arms. On the command **Ready**, place the right thumb on the slide stop. On the command **Port**, press down on the slide stop, allowing the slide to go forward, and then place the

forefinger on the trigger. On the command **ARMS**, pull the trigger and return the weapon to the holster, fasten the flap, and come to *Attention*.

(3) To execute *Inspection Arms* with the magazine in the weapon, execute *Raised* pistol and then remove the magazine and place it between the belt and clothing before locking the slide to the rear. After pulling the trigger, and before returning the pistol to the holster, return the magazine to the weapon.

(4) If the pistol is inspected in ranks and the inspecting officer takes the weapon, lower the right hand smartly to the right side. When the inspecting officer is ready to return the pistol, raise the right hand back to the raised position and accept the weapon. After the pistol is returned, allow the slide to go forward, pull the trigger, return the pistol to the holster, and come to *Attention*.

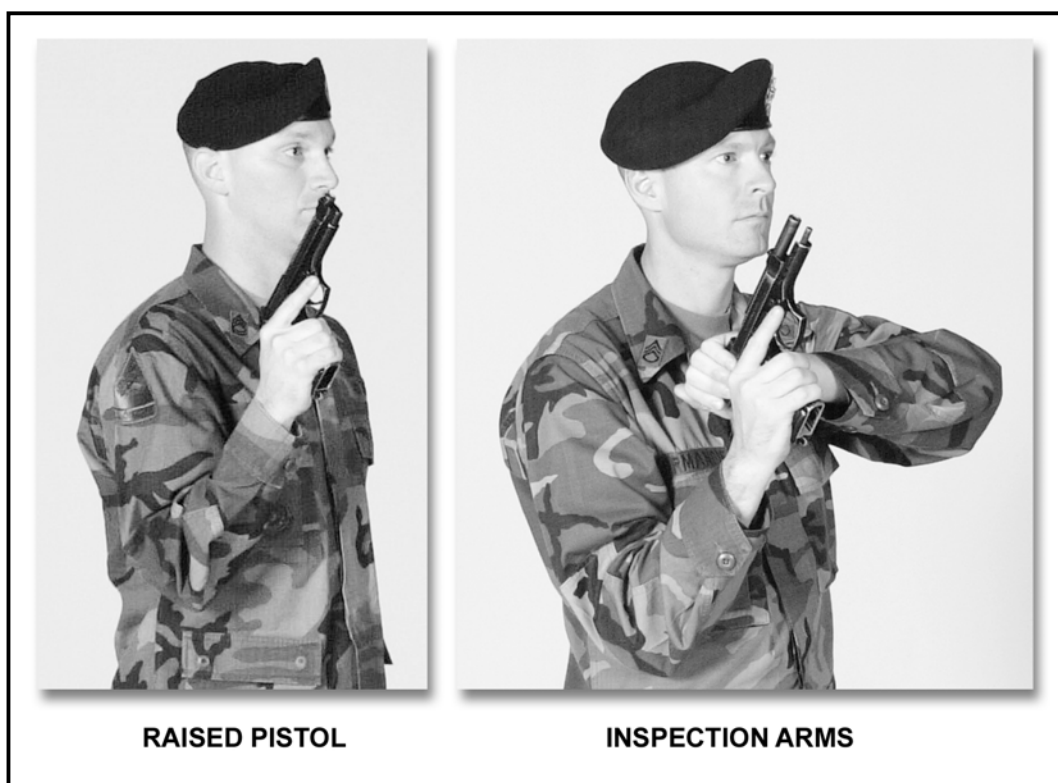


Figure E-5. Manual of arms, automatic pistols.